Affairs of mahila shelter houses

†2800. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2697 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 2005 and state:

(a) the methodology being adopted by Government to seek information about the status of women residing in the shelter houses being run under the 'Mahila Swadhar' Yojana;

(b) the locations of five shelter houses since closed by the implementing agencies alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether no other remedy was possible; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to construct shelter houses for the disabled women residing these places and the manner in which these vacant shelter houses are being used at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The information regarding status of women residing in the Shelter Homes is obtained through inspections conducted by officers of Central Social Welfare Board and officers of the Central Government. Further monitoring is also done at district level by the District Level Committee and at the state level by State Level Monitoring Committee.

(b) 5 Shelter Homes (1 in Delhi, 1 in Haryana, 2 in Gujarat and 1 in Tamilnadu) have been closed by implementing agencies due to the following reasons:—

(i) One shelter Home in Haryana was closed by the organization CORE who expressed their inability to run the Shelter Home and the inmates have been shifted to the other shelter homes.

(ii) One Shelter Home in Delhi run by CORE has stopped receiving grant from this Department as it is being run from funds received from other sources.

(iii) One Shelter Home in Gujarat run by Guild of Service was closed

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

as all the 200 women (Godhara Riot Victims) residing in the Shelter Home had been empowered in vocational skills and are self employed now.

(iv) One Shelter Home run by AWAG (Ahmadabad Women's Action Group) was discontinued as all the women living in the Home had been reunited with their families.

(v) One Shelter Home run by CEDA Trust, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu was discontinued as all the destitute women in the home had been empowered by giving training in vocational skills and income generation activities. They become self-dependent and confidant and did not feel the need of residing in Shelter Home.

(c) The Swadhar Scheme is implemented through State Government and NGO. When the NGO has expressed inability to run the project, it is the responsibility of the State Government to take care of women in difficult circumstances.

(d) The closed shelter Homes were running in hired accommodation by implementing NGOs. There is no proposal for construction of Shelter Home.

Women and Child Development Schemes in Rajasthan

2801. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by Government, for Women and Child Welfare/ Development Schemes, during last three years, and year 2005-06 till date, to Rajasthan, scheme-wise;

(b) the details of utilization of the funds;

(c) whether any funds were also provided by the World Bank, UNESCO and other International Financial Institutions for this purpose to the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The Department of Women and Child Development, Government of India